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For the convenience of the Kowloon Members a late Ferry will run at 1 a.m. J. J. BLAKE, Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 21, 1906. 2230

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Hongkong, November 12, 1906. 2185

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Hongkong, November 10, 1906. 2177

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Hongkong, November 21, 1906.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

**Auctions.**

Noon—Auction of Wreck of the Hulk *Stanfield*, at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Stock-in-Trade, at No. 52, Elgin Road, Kowloon.

**Miscellaneous.**

Goods per *Devon* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Gregory* appear undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

## General Memoranda.

**SATURDAY, November 24:—**

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

9 p.m.—Legerdemain Entertainment in Belle View Hotel.

Goods per *Benlomond* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

**MONDAY, November 26:—**

Noon—Auction of Leasehold Property at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

**TUESDAY, November 27:—**

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Goods per *Gregory* not cleared on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Pyrie* *Sigismund* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

**MONDAY, December 3:—**

9 p.m.—Dance at City Hall.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1906.

## MINOR NAVIES.

It has been definitely decided by the Commonwealth Government that Australia is to have a navy of its own. The Australians should know their own business best and, as they have to pay the piper for the tune they call, this latest manifestation of anxiety to obtain a costly and useless toy might be thought to have no interest for the rest of the Empire. But it has. The creation of an Australian fleet will assuredly lead in due course to a demand that the subsidy paid to the Imperial Government for the services of an auxiliary squadron should be discontinued. Although the amount of that subsidy is ludicrously small its payment is a tacit admission that Australia recognises that every portion of the Empire is in duty bound to contribute to the cost of maintaining its integrity. It might be argued that the creation of an Australian navy would be a recognition of that principle as it would release so many Imperial ships for use elsewhere or else relieve the Imperial tax-payer of portion of his burden. This is a very specious argument but it will not bear analysis. The strength of the British Navy lies in its ability to concentrate at any threatened point in overwhelming force. If the various squadrons were unable to leave their nominal stations its supremacy would be at an end. Every indication suggests that the Australian Government intends its navy to police the coasts of Australia and not to participate in operations outside its waters. Consequently it would be of no service at all to the Empire. Such an occurrence is extremely unlikely but let it be supposed that a war broke out between Great Britain and Japan. If matters remained as they are to-day probably the first thing that the Imperial Navy would do, after the concentration of every unit on this side of the globe at some suitable spot, would be to engage the Japanese fleet as near its own waters as possible. The chances of success would obviously be much decreased if the warships in Australian waters were unavailable. A defeat of the British fleet would enable the entire Japanese fleet to escort troops from Japan and the opposition that the Australian Navy could offer would not be worth seriously taking into account. A pertinent article in *Engineering* lays stress on the fact that the power of the purse asserts itself more in regard to marine than land armaments. Just as in the commercial world the "small man" is being gradually gobbled up, so in the minor navy being organised. Of what real use, he asks, are the navies of Belgium, Cambodia, Costa Rica and the numerous other countries which possess two or three warships? The tendency is for the lives of war-ships to

shorten and for their bulk and cost to increase. How can the poorer nations hope to maintain their place in this ghastly financial race which is telling appallingly upon even wealthy powers? The discreetest thing for them to do is to seek an alliance with one of the great powers and give up their useless toys. Australia has already a blood alliance with the greatest naval power in the world. Of what use is it then for her to emulate the foolish example of Colombia and Zanzibar and fasten upon her shoulders a burden which will get more and more irksome as time goes on?

Holland is about to enlarge itself by one eighth. For years the Dutch have thought over the possibility of reclaiming the Zuyder Zee which is nearly one-sixth as large as the whole of Holland. According to *Engineering* legislative sanction for the work has been obtained. The Zuyder Zee, says that paper, is the outcome of a number of floods, the area which it now comprises having originally been firm land, with only a moderate-sized lake; but the North Sea by degrees swamped the whole district, its ravages, of which accounts are recorded as far back as one hundred years before Christ, culminating in floods of 1170, 1277, 1287, 1337, and 1362. It has long been the ambition of the Dutch to restore their country to what may be considered its original size, and in some thirty years they hope to have compassed it. The area of Holland at present is about 33,000 square kilometers [about 10,000 square miles], and that of the Zuyder Zee 5,250 square kilometers; the depth varies from about 11 feet to about 20 feet at the deepest; it is proposed to leave a lake of some 1,200 square kilometers, but the rest, excepting, of course, the necessary canals, will, according to the present plan, be transformed into marsh-land. The first and most vital part of the work is the construction of a dam, nearly 20 miles long, proceeding from *Eurk*; in North Holland, by way of the island of *Wieringen*, to *Plaam*, in Friesland. This dam, which, it is calculated, will take some eight years to complete, will turn the Zuyder Zee into a lake. The breadth of this dam, 18 feet above the level of the sea, will be 30 feet, and on its inner slope it is proposed to construct a double-lined railway and a roadway 20 feet broad. It goes without saying that this will be a very difficult dam to build, considering the always present risk of floods and the power of the breakers. Simultaneously with the work on the dam, the canalization of the area inside it will be taken in hand. The laying dry of the area to be reclaimed will, according to the present calculations, extend over some twenty-four years, and will be done piece by piece, it not being considered advisable to go ahead with a second piece until the first has been covered with vegetation. The Dutch have immense experience in this kind of work, and have always acquitted themselves exceedingly well. The cost of the whole undertaking is calculated at about £12,500,000, but in spite of this heavy expenditure, the undertaking will no doubt prove very remunerative, in case no accidents befall it.

## To-night's Concert.

Following is the programme of Miss *Murkens'* concert taking place to-night under the patronage of the Governor:—

Sonata for Violin and Piano.....Handel  
"Andante Allegro Adagio Allegretto"  
Miss Henriette Murkens and Miss Bonavia Hunt.

Piano Solo....."Fantasia".....Chopin  
Miss Bonavia Hunt.

Song....."The Rose Tree".....Bohm  
Mr P. W. Golding.

Violin Solo....."Adagio".....Bisetz  
"Souvenir de Moscow".....Winiawski  
Miss Henriette Murkens.

Song....."Daffodils a-blowing".....Germann  
Mrs F. Maitland.

Concerto for two Violins.....Bach  
"Largo, ma non tanto".....Bach  
Miss Henriette Murkens and Miss Bonavia Hunt.

Violin and Piano Duet.....18th and 17th Century, arranged by  
Seymour Remond.

Miss Henriette Murkens and Miss Bonavia Hunt.

Piano Solo....."Etude".....Liszt  
Song....."Selected"  
Mrs F. Maitland.

Violin Solo....."Reverie".....Schumann  
"Pavillon".....Henriette  
Murkens "Serenade"  
Della

Miss Henriette Murkens.

Piano Solo....."Improvisation"....."Sie  
l'air"  
Miss Bonavia Hunt.

## LAME BACK.

THIS ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and may be cured by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm two or three times a day, and rubbing the pain vigorously at each application. If this does not afford relief, bind on a piece of flannel slightly dampened with Pain Balm, and quick relief is almost sure to follow. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

## MORE REFORM IN THE AR.

It has frequently been said that were a business run on the same lines as the British Army it would fall inside twelve months. It is also said in connection with stables that they should be so managed as not to make the horses restive. And again an inexperienced coxswain is easily detected by the frequency with which he alters his helm; whilst counter-order and disorder are two such inevitable companions as to be hardly worth mentioning. During the last few years it has become the fashion upon almost every occasion when politicians are gathered together to promise the public a Reform of the British Army. We have had vague promises of reforming this great national organisation day in and day out, year in and year out, and it would be interesting to observe what particular reform has actually taken place or what skilful modern Moses has arisen to lead the martial hosts of Great Britain through the Wilderness of doubt into which its prestige and strength has been incautiously dragged by the representative speech makers of the Empire.

The business lines promised by Mr Brodick resulted in no useful reform, even the muffin-cap, which he was not really the inventor of, not having inspired that confidence in this gentleman's ability to teach our Army to win battles as a matter of course. The muffin-cap stirred up a dissatisfaction amongst the troops that set at naught any new reforms that might have benefited our forces. The horses in the stable, to use this metaphor, were rendered restive; tactless touch upon touch at the helm of man eminent merely revealed to the soldier himself that, however good in his own line of business this reputed cap-inventor might be, he had about the same capacity for guiding an Army on efficient lines as a butcher would have in reforming the Church if appointed Archbishop of Canterbury.

However, the new Reformer, Mr Haldane, has tactfully begun by removing the offensive cap and providing one with a peak to it as a shade for our soldiers' eyes—but no one has yet succeeded in pointing out to this hardworking statesman the further display of tact which he should exhibit by neglecting the use of that offensive war-cry "Army Reform." Efficiency in organisation, manoeuvring and weapons lie at the heart of every British soldier, and any good move in this desired direction is hailed with enthusiasm and delight. To label our fine old regiments with the name of fool or lazy-bones requiring a drastic reformation is scarcely the best method of extracting from them the best work of which they are capable, neither is it in accordance with the dignity of our Empire in the face of foreign nations, or of the magnificent traditions of the Army itself. It is usual in the case of a good machine to ascribe any failure in its working not to the wheels, cogs or brakes of the machine itself but to the man or men whose duty it is to keep the parts in working order. The failure of a Bank, taking another example, is as a rule attributed to the directors and management. A disappointed public howls for vengeance upon these high officials instead of upon the more policy inaugurated by their superiors. But the Army has in some way completely escaped common-sense public appreciation as to its supposed failure to show sufficient value for the public money expended. The cry goes up and finds official encouragement. "Here is our expensive machine, costing us millions more than a similar one used by foreign nations, giving poor results, poor returns for our money. Reform this machine entirely and let us have a new one!"

The sensible answer is, "you can have a new machine by all means—but—is it worth throwing good money after bad if you employ those to run your new machine who were incompetent to run your old one?" Try even conscription for the Army! Is it really logical to conclude that the class of men, who were unable to creditably run a small and well-disciplined Army, will prove equal to coping with a larger and partially disciplined organisation? It is reform in control that is required. The public Press is the public voice and, so long as the Press is inspired in its opinions by the speeches of public politicians, so long will the public eye perceive an unregenerate Army and disregard a controlling power which is responsible for any faulty results given by the Army itself.

Cheapsness is the latest fad! The Army is expensive undoubtedly; but the Army itself has no control over its expenditure. Financial control is centred in London and there the public gaze must be directed for satisfactory finance. Wastage can hardly be said to take place in the payment of emoluments of officers and men whose services are rewarded by a pitance which is not even a living wage. If public dissatisfaction is expressed by the expenditure upon its land forces, then dissatisfaction should be expressed at those in whose hands is the power of disbursing public funds, not at the Army itself. Finally we hear from the latest utterances that reform of the Army will come next Spring. "We cannot help hoping that these reforms will be directed to the proper quarter and will take place in London. The City of Birmingham is a great political centre and many there recollect the speech of the late Mr. Powell Williams shortly before the Boer War.

"We have," he said, alluding to Omdurman, "the finest Army in the world, the best guns and the best Artillery."

"Where are our Ranges, though?" enquired a sceptical listener. "They are out of my Range!" replied the professional speaker.

The usual thing. The point missed. Even had our guns been shot—which they certainly weren't in those days—want of suitable practice grounds would have marred their utility. Yet these remarks fell from the lips of the very man responsible to the public for efficiency. And the public applauded him for his skill in repartee, which, hardly the only accomplishment required in the control of a large organisation.

## LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

A Chinese child fell out of a window at a house in Kennedy Street yesterday and received fatal injuries. The child was at once removed to the hospital but expired on the way.

**A Serious Gun Accident.**

A regrettable shooting accident occurred in the New Territory on Sunday last. A party of Hongkong sportsmen were out after quail and while one of the beaters was running after a wounded bird he was shot by a member of the party. The boy was badly wounded about the face and is at present in the Government Civil Hospital under medical treatment.

**A Canton College in Trouble.**

A college in Canton has recently been established for the training of medical men for the army. The course included four years' study. The first two years were to be given to general knowledge and the second two to special studies connected with the object in view. This year it was affiliated with a new military college, and two Japanese tutors were employed to carry on the work. It appears, however, that one of these teachers had been compelled to retire through ill-health, the one who taught chemistry and other scientific subjects. The duties of the other embraced mathematics and map drawing. But owing to the failing health of the one, the other has been unable to carry on the work, and the general condition of the college has become such that the students have begun to call out, and are complaining that they are wasting their time as things are now carried on. What will be done does not yet appear but it is evident that something must be arranged or the institution will collapse.

**Ignorance.**

A rather peculiar case has come before the police in connection with a banishment order recently made out against a Chinese boy. The boy, aged 16, had served a sentence in the goal for larceny and was to be banished on his release from prison. To this the boy's father lodged an objection on the ground that his son was born in Hongkong, in which case he could not be banished. The Chief Detective investigated the claim of the boy's parents and a Chinese woman came forward and swore that the boy was born on a boat at Causeway Bay, but his birth was not registered. There was no option but to accept this evidence but the father was proceeded against for neglecting to register his son's birth. To this he pleaded guilty and said he was ignorant of the regulation. This case suggests that the Registrar General should take steps to have notices posted warning the boat people that they must register births and deaths. To ensure compliance with the regulation a regulation might be made stipulating that no claims to being born in the Colony would be recognized unless the birth was duly registered.

## A Bit of Native Life.

Last week at Canton a man named Cheng arranged the wedding day of his slave girl, who was not originated with attractiveness, with one Mr Wong. It appears from the report however that when the woman had been sent to the house of Mr Wong, with the usual formalities, her master was not pleased with her, and wished to return her to her former master. At first he would not hearken to the proposal, but afterwards when it was whispered that it was thought that Wong would sell her, Cheng sent for her. Then it came to pass that Wong would not allow her to return. The next day the usual roast pork and the other things given and received on such occasions were sent by Wong to Cheng, who in turn would not allow these to be brought within his doors, but threw them down in his front yard. Wong then called in the neighbours, and there was the usual tornado of talk, which is supposed to pacify both parties on such occasions, and as the result of the compromise, it was agreed between them that Wong should not sell the unfortunate woman, and that he should allow her to return and visit her parents, when she wished. So the matter rests at present. No one can yet say what will be the ultimate fate of the poor girl.

## A STRUGGLE IN TOKYO SHARE MARKET.

**Attempts to Gain Control of Kanagafuchi Spinning Co.**

The Japan Gazette states that a very lively battle is going on in the Tokyo share market. Mr Kyugoro Suzuki, who piled up a fortune of three million yen during the war, and his associates in the share market are doing their utmost to purchase a sufficient number of shares to secure control of the Kanagafuchi Spinning Co., in which the Mitsui family has strong interests. Mr Wu Kin-tang, a naturalised Chinese, presents, however, a strong front, assisted by Mr Iwashita, President of the Kitahama Bank, Osaka. Mr Iwashita attempted to "utilize shares" held by the Mitsui family, who, however, declined to be drawn, and then turned to block sources of capital for the Suzuki clique. Meanwhile, the Suzuki party has come into agreement with Mr Mura, of tobacco fame, and is ready to take up as many Kanagafuchi shares as are offered for transfer. Wu Kin-tang has thus been compelled to seriously defend himself, and is ostentatiously showing that he is drawing capital from the Yangtze region. Mr Iwashita has also handed over the presidency of the Kitahama Bank to Mr Fujimoto, in order to participate in the Tokyo campaign. Altogether, the keenest interest is awakened by the struggle, but in all likelihood the control of the Spinning Co. will not change hands.



## BY TELEGRAPH.

## A JUNK CAPSIZED.

## SIXTY CHINESE DROWNED.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, November 21.

A large passenger junk proceeding down the Whangpoo, with 200 Chinese on board, capsized to-day.

Sixty Chinese passengers have been drowned.

## THE INSURANCE SCANDALS.

## FIRST REPORT PRESENTED.

(Revised Report, supplied to Press by the Insurance Company.)

LONDON, November 20.

District Attorney Jerome, of New York, has presented the first report of the insurance scandals. The particulars of the case are those mentioned in the Mutual Life of New York, and the Attorney declares that the case is a scandalous one.

The particular company whose affairs are thus exposed is the Mutual Life of New York, and the Attorney declares that the case is a scandalous one.

The Canadian Pacific has shortened the land transit for mail, and hopes that the English mail will reach Hongkong on 27.

Further Time Saved.

General Unrest.

The German papers, including the Conservative, are continuing to be dispirited with the situation at home, and abroad, and attribute it largely to the Kaiser's constant personal intervention.

They strongly urge the necessity of a remedy.

Prince von Bismarck's speeches have not allayed the popular discontent at the foreign policy.

SITUATION IN MOROCCO.

A Serious Outlook.

London, November 19.

The condition of Morocco is going from bad to worse. The Europeans are looking forward to a Franco-Spanish intervention, and it is understood that both countries are making preparations to avoid being taken unawares when the moment for action arrives.

PARTNERS OR NOT?

In the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court this morning, before His Honor Mr. A. G. Wise (Puisne Judge) the action, *Cheng Lai versus Cheung Tsui*, a claim for \$1000 for alleged wrongful imprisonment, was set down for hearing.

When the case was called the Puisne Judge said:—In this particular case I called for pleadings; it is an action for false imprisonment. The statement of claim states that the plaintiff was arrested by the defendant, and that he acted as defendant's clerk and accountant. The statement of defence admits that to be correct. A short time ago there were four actions against these two men, as partners. In the first one they were unrepresented by a solicitor and admitted being partners; in the remaining three they had solicitors who submitted to judgment against them as partners. Now, you had better amend these pleadings or both will get into trouble.

Mr Dixon (appearing for defendant)—I was going to raise the point that this action is not for false imprisonment, but for malicious prosecution.

Mr Lau (appearing for plaintiff)—The fact that the pleadings state they are master and servant makes no difference in the claim.

The Puisne Judge—Doesn't it? If your client comes into the box here and sticks to his statement that he was employed as a clerk, I will simply prove the other statements and he goes to goal! I asked for pleadings and I want them correct. I cannot have these discrepancies. You had better amend the statement of claim and I will give you the first day next week.

Mr Dixon—It may be that though the two were partners in the action referred to, they may not be partners in another branch of the business. Chinese businesses have many branches.

The Puisne Judge—The best thing to do is to amend; I will set the case down for Wednesday next.

## A WORD TO TRAVELLERS.

THE excitement incident to travelling and change of food and water often brings on diarrhoea, and for this reason one should leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Sold by all chemists and druggists.

## SPORTING.

## Rugby Football.

## HONGKONG CLUB v. NAVAL TEAM.

A rugby match between parties of the Hongkong Club and a Naval team took place yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley, resulting in a draw. The teams were:—

Naval: Full-back, Baker; three-quarters, Lloyd, Elmsleigh, Jotham, and Campbell; halves, Marks and Benn; forwards, Byrne, Popple, Morrison, Howie, Foulkes, Heathcote, Barnett and Wellman.

Hongkong: Full-back, H. Pettley; three-quarters, F. O. Kendall, T. E. Pearce, C. M. Preshaw and J. L. Lecky; halves, L. J. Blackburne and R. F. C. Master; forwards, H. G. O. Bailey, J. Hanron, R. Munro, T. O. Drakeford, and H. F. Hickman.

There were only eleven on the Club's side when they kicked off, and naturally they could not hold the full team opposed to them. From the kick off the ball was returned to half way and Lecky found the line near the Naval twenty-five. By forward play the ball got within fifteen yards of the Naval line and Blackburne all but scored, running round from the scrum.

Suddenly there was a change. Marks broke through the scrum and punted high following on, followed by Campbell, the speedy three-quarter. The latter got to the ball first and picked up cleverly when going almost at full speed. Pettley made an attempt to collar him but failed and Campbell scored behind the posts. Lloyd missed the shot at goal. Score, 3-0. After the kick out the Club's forwards, assisted by the three-quarters, made a good dribbling rush and got past the opposing three-quarter line, but the Naval full-back pluckily fell on the ball and stopped the career of the Club, when matters were looking dangerous.

The Naval team were attacking strongly and with more consistency than the Club and another try was added a little later, again mainly through Marks, whose work at half was excellent, easily the best of the four. He ran round a scrum and being tackled passed to a forward. The ball was rushed across the line and one of the forwards fell on it and scored. Campbell missed the shot at goal and the Naval team lead by 4-0. Before another five minutes the Club's line was again crossed, this time by Lloyd on the right wing. He received a pass and bolted along the line, being all but collared by Pettley. Instead of scoring then, Lloyd attempted to get behind the posts with the result that Pettley, who continued to chase him, caught up and robbed him of a certain try, by tackling him and touching the ball down. At this stage Hickman came on the field for the Club; they were still three men short. Good tackling was shown by the Club, Hanron grazing Campbell in line style, but not before the latter had passed to Lloyd, who in turn was well collared by Pearce. A good passing rush by the Club, the ball going from Blackburne to Pearce, to Preshaw, to Kendall, was spoiled by Campbell intercepting the last pass. Hickman got clear, too, for Kendall just managed to stop him. There was no further scoring before half-time.

After the interval good play was again shown by the Club. From their own twenty-five Pearce kicked high and followed on, accompanied by Bailey and Lecky. Lecky over-ran the ball, as did Campbell (Naval team) but Bailey picked up and after running perhaps ten yards, passed to Lecky. The latter punted over Jotham's head and Master recurred, being heavily grazed by the full-back, Baker. It was clean work. While play was close to the Naval line, Marks picked up, and on being downed by Preshaw, passed in his own twenty-five, with the result that the ball was rushed over the line and Preshaw fell on it and scored the Club's first try. Pearce missed an easy chance at goal. Score, 6-3. The Naval team had had the best of the game up to this stage, but good forward work by the Club put them in an attacking position near the Naval twenty-five. Marks, however, again relieved the pressure by a line kick, finding touch near half-way. The same player a moment or two later opened up play by a pass to Campbell, but the latter was well marked and could not get through. More forward play followed, the Club being the better in the house. When near the Naval twenty-five, Master picked up and passed to Pearce, who made a fine run, transferring the ball to Lecky when only the full-back remained to beat. Lecky just got past and scored in the corner. Pearce made a good attempt at goal but missed; it was a difficult angle. A fine passing rush, in which Blackburne Pearce, Preshaw and Kendall figured had a somewhat amusing, ending. Kendall was caught from behind when speeding for the line and his unorthodox play was completely torn from him. Fortunately a spectator had an overcoat handy and Kendall lit for a change, amid general laughter at the *contretemps*. While he was absent the Naval three quarters, Lloyd in the van, ally backed by Marks, almost crossed the Club's line. From a scrum five yards from the line, Pearce kicked clear to Baker, who essayed a drop kick at goal, but made a poor attempt and Pettley touched down. There was no further scoring and the game ended in a draw, 6-6.

## FROM THE ANTILLES.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY BENEFITS A CITY COUNCILMAN AT KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

M. W. O'Reilly, Esq., who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, writes as follows:—“One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. There is no doubt and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is my intention to obtain another bottle.” For sale by all chemists and druggists.

## SHANGHAI IN PARAGRAPHS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, November 16.

Major Hall has not lost any time over his investigations into the cause of the trouble with the Sikh police last month, and acting on his advice several Indian constables were brought up at the British Supreme Court on the charges of refusing work themselves and also instigating others to do likewise. Major Hall gave it as his opinion that if these men were continued in the force, further trouble must occur owing to their bad influence, and he suggested their deportation to India, but his Lordship took a more lenient view and ordered the men to find very heavy securities for their future good behaviour—those more advanced in rank are asked to find securities for \$1,000 and their subordinates are let off with \$500. It will be a very healthy lesson to these men, but we are still waiting patiently to hear whether they had any just complaint to make and whether their representations of grievances met with disdain, but, with customary Shanghai secrecy, we have as yet been told not a word and the probability is we never shall be.

A curious case, in which judgment has been reserved, has been one of the out-comes of the Municipal Council's order prohibiting gambling by the Chinese on the occasion of Race Meetings. Mr C. A. Biddle, Manager of the Hotel Metropole, was in the habit of letting the Chinese Grand Stand for betting purposes to a Chinaman named Woo Ah Sunq, for which he received the substantial payment of \$15,000. When the Council issued its notice Woo Ah Sunq was in some trepidation, but so he says, acting on the assurance of Mr Biddle that the Chinese Grand Stand was not included in the restricting prohibition, he engaged the stand for the meeting which has just finished, only to find Mr Biddle's statement incorrect. The upshot is that he has sued Mr Biddle for fraudulently obtaining the \$15,000 from him. Mr Biddle, however, says he was acting for the Metropole Company and that the money received was paid into their account. The Judge's decision is held over, but it is impossible to refrain from reflecting upon the enormous profits that Woo Ah Sunq who in his public capacity is simply a boy employed by the Hotel Metropole must make with his twenty cents admission to the Stand, where gambling was carried on at the multitude of small tables, so as to enable him, with the co-operation of some friends in similar positions, to pay up \$15,000 with a complacent air which would bring envy to the heart of many a hard-up foreigner.

The sun still shone when the off day of the Races came round and, bitterly cold though it was, it would have been an ill conditioned soul who grumbled at the weather. Unfortunately, the day was marred by a nasty accident to Mr Vida, riding Naresse, in the Grand Steeplechase. Naresse stumbled at the jump just opposite the Grand Stand and coming down rolled over his rider. With the highest pluck and the best instincts of a sportsman the injured jockey picked himself up and led the pony out of the way of the other competitors, but the exertion was too much for him and he fell down. A hasty examination showed he had fractured his wrist and he was removed to the General Hospital. Yet another dead heat was run and the race between Arrowchar and Ca Cany in the Hoka Cup was a splendid sight. The two jockeys and the two ponies seemed moving on the same machinery and together they reached the winning post neck by neck. When the dead heat between the two was finally run off, almost the same conditions prevailed until Arrowchar taking a slight lead on the outside won by barely a head. And now that the Races are over we are talking of the wonderful doings of Moriaki, who certainly was the pony of the meeting and Mr Laurence may thank his lucky stars that the animal is his. It was brought down specially for Mr Laurence but during his absence it was put up to auction but was not disposed of as the limit of \$400 was not reached. Bidders could hardly be blamed because the animal is not prepossessing and is far from looking well, besides evincing a viciousness of disposition and vulgar tastes not in accord with winners of our great races. On the morning of the Champions he fortified himself by munching up an old bridle, and even when proved victor he was unscrupulous enough to try and bite the nervous Brockton. But what a revenge because Messrs Barclay and Kanuck have now bought him for 4,000 taels.

Rehearsals for the Cathedral Mystery Festival are proceeding apace and if promises be fulfilled, we shall be given not only an ambitious but a very well rendered programme. Such an innovation, however, is not to be allowed without some malicious protest and anybody is pretending to be amazed, aggrieved and astounded that Mr Walker should be so utterly lost to the fitness of things that he should countenance money being paid for seats in the Cathedral when the event comes off. “Why not?” Why should Shanghai be different from Cathedral towns in England and why should these sanctimonious gentlemen with an inordinate love of seeing their silly thoughts in print be given a rare musical treat for nothing? We may be quite sure any money thus obtained will be devoted to an infinitely worthy object and we must not forget the expenses attendant on such a production which is being looked forward to by the majority of us with keen anticipation.

“Observer” has published his promised article on “Snobishness” in the “Times.” He may be forgiven his proxy platitudes because of these few scathing remarks which are worth repeating:—“Shanghai society is very varied and very mixed, but it is suburban. It savours more of Balham, Brixton and Tooting than of Belgrave. Why do so many people here ape Belgrave and affect exclusiveness when they know so well that on their return to England they will inevitably go back to that sphere of social life to which it has pleased God to call them. A large salary, horses and carriages, a detached house instead of one in a row, dinner parties and select dances do not change the people from what they really are, except it be to make them a little more insufferably than they were before these good things came their way.” Rather sweeping, isn't it? But in very many instances it is true. “Observer” particularly rails against the snobishness which precludes the retail man from entering into any social functions. He is given the cold shoulder at dances and he may not enter into clubs, whether they be the Rowing Club or simply the social club. This may be good and wise in home towns where different classes are catered for in different manners, but in Shanghai nothing is done for these people and I agree it is the height of snobishness to bar them from any amusement when they number so many good men and true.

The Chrysanthemum Show this year was not above my previous records, but, all the same, the Town Hall looked very beautiful with its magnificent visitors holding stately heads aloft. Each pot of flowers gave evidence of much careful training with the separate flowers supported and directed in the way they should go if the plant would win a prize, but surely chrysanthemums are even more graceful when they fall as nature would wish. A striking feature was the height of the plants, indeed, some of them had the appearance of miniature trees carrying strange blooms atop. There is a ridiculous department in these shows. Several ladies compete in the table decorations and sometimes they produce very striking effects and they win prizes. There is the absurdity, there are nearly as many prizes as there are entries and it seems so childish. Besides a Chrysanthemum Show should be reserved for chrysanthemums, so it seems rather odd of keeping that a prize should be awarded for a table decorated with roses and violets, surrounding a miniature pond in which tiny little gold fish swim and which was spanned by a rustic bridge. It really was very pretty but it had nothing to do with chrysanthemums.

## MATTERS FEMININE.

## Betty's London Letter.

LONDON, October 12th, 1906.

DEAR ELTON.—A feature of the new autumn costumes is the waistcoat of checked material with a bolero of plain cloth. These waistcoats will be bordered with cloth to match and supplemented with sleeves of the checked material; the bolero which will be worn with them being made in many cases with short epaulettes sleeves terminating half way between the shoulder and elbow.

Cloth skirts are being made with front panels, which are narrower at the top than they were last year, but graduate towards the hem. Box pleated skirts are once more to the fore and even in cases where the skirt is cut quite plainly it is often finished at the back with a couple of narrow box pleats. Striped tweeds are being much used for autumn frocks, and for this material, a skirt of umbrella shape, seemed back and front, with an added narrow tablier is most in vogue. The strictly tailor-made suit asks the assistance of a neat trim skirt, while the more habilite model is happily completed by a silk or satin blouse.

This season the smart little lace and net slip is to be called to our rescue. These last named are of very fascinating character and offer up an endless variety of dainty schemes. A pretty model of Brussels net had a lace design applied to the net background, the pattern being worked over in wavy shades of floss silk. The wide *brides* and front *epieciement* were formed of this embroidered lace, edged with tiny double knitted frills of fine Valenciennes lace.

Blouses of Oriental satin or moire silk are made with a detachable guimp of coarse lace, allowing for a crossover front. The blouses are ornamented with *brides* and cuffs of figured chine silk edged with little knitted frills of the same and finished with enamel buttons set in jet rims.

Now the weather is cooler again, we may again dress ourselves in warmer colours. I consider a woman looks to greater advantage (given the correct eye for colour) in a pronounced tone of a becoming colour than she can, or does, in one of the anemic die-away shades that seem to have a chronic hold on the affections of the majority. This especially refers to women living in a land of vivid colour contrasts. This season we shall not be at variance with Dame Fashion if we wear cherry red, raspberry red, olive or bronze green. Nor if we favour brown, whether mahogany, coffee, nut or other rich brown shade. The variety spread before the buyer of winter frocks is really very bewildering and almost unlimited.

Some dainty evening frocks for girls are being made of soft white satin, plaited from a round decollete into a wide Empire belt embroidered in pearls or moire stones. The skirt falls perfectly straight and is finished at the hem with a couple of flounces or a wide band of embroidery to match the belt. The short puffed sleeves are of satin, headed with frills of chiffon.

There threatens to be a great revival of the band industry. Velvet facings to coats are worked with floral designs in dull coloured beads and here and there silk is introduced to give a handsome effect to the embroidery. Let me warn you however that a mass of beads near the face is by no means becoming. They have a hard look and only a perfect complexion could sustain such proximity without the intervention of lace or some similar softening medium.

A popular and simple savoury is the following:—  
*Herring-roe Toast*.—Take some tinned herring's roe, season it with a squeeze of lemon juice, a little cayenne pepper and some chopped parsley. Fry in a small quantity of fresh butter and spread on rounds of buttered toast. This savoury should be served very hot.

*Grenadine de Beef*.—Cut neat oval pieces from a tender fillet of beef, lard them and put them for some hours into a mixture of four desert spoonsful of salad oil, one of vinegar, a little sliced onion, salt and pepper.

Drain, and fry for four minutes, then add stock enough to just cover the fillets. Simmer for three quarters of an hour, basting frequently. When done arrange on an entree dish and serve with thick brown sauce.

Yours ever,  
Betty.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—  
On the 21st at 11.55 a.m. Pressure is still high over China but giving way quickly, particularly along the Yangtze. Probably an area of low pressure will appear to the North of the Yangtze.

The barometer is rising over Japan, the depression lying in the Sea of Japan yesterday having moved into the Pacific.

Gradients have decreased on the China Coast and the monsoon will moderate. Over the China Sea they continue rather steep and had monsoon is still expected to prevail.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.  
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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr Sato, the new Japanese Minister to the Netherlands who left Japan for his new post on the 14th inst., and Mrs Sato were given a farewell audience by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan on Nov. 12.

The *Straits Times* says, “The announcement that the late Mr E. R. Bellillo has left the greater portion of his estate in Hongkong for the benefit of Jewish charities in Calcutta, falling issue to his sons, will cause much heartburning in Hongkong, where the deceased gentleman lived for so many years and amassed his great fortune.” We have failed to detect any heartburning.

Captain Rinder's many friends will be pleased to learn that he has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., a concern which operates about a score of steamers on the Pacific coastlines. The “*Minnesota*” comes out under the command of Capt. Austin, formerly Chief Officer with Capt. Rinder. Capt. Austin is to be congratulated upon his attainment of such a responsible position as master of the “*Minnesota*.”

A proposal is on foot in Yokohama to establish a Girls' Club. The *Japan Gazette* considers that the institution will supply a want that has long been felt in the northern port, and states that the scheme is being taken up with the greatest enthusiasm and interest by all who have yet heard of it. The object of the Club is primarily social—“to promote good fellowship among its members.” But the aim of the originators of the scheme is also to afford opportunities of self development to all who feel their need of it, and classes and reunions will in time be formed under the auspices of the Club for the study of shorthand, typewriting, music, literature, and other subjects considered desirable by the members. Another attractive feature in this connection is the proposed Physical Culture class, for which the services of competent instructors have already been secured. The scheme seems in every way an excellent one, and the praiseworthy efforts of the promoters will be watched with no little interest elsewhere.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The “*Doric*” is another liner which has been brought across the Pacific on the present trip by a new commander. Captain Harry Gunkler is now in command of the O and O. steamship, succeeding Captain Harry Smith, whose transfer to the White Star service on the Atlantic has already been reported. A complimentary dinner was given at San Francisco by the chief engineer of the “*Doric*,” Mr W. Allen, to the retiring commander.

The New Zealand Shipmasters' Association has declared its “unqualified dissatisfaction” with the result of the nautical inquiry into the abandonment of the steamer “*Port Stephens*,” says the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, adds weighty testimony to the captain's side of the argument. Whether the vessel should have been lost, as far as the captain was concerned, is the question upon which the assessors had one opinion and the Shipmasters' Association, composed of experienced officers with a special knowledge of the coast, announces another. It is not only that there is a tradition which insistently pictures the captain sticking to his ship, even with foolhardy devotion. The evidence showed that although he was not quite a stranger to those stormy waters around the south-eastern coast of New Zealand, he did not claim to be familiar with the currents as described in official publications, that when the steamer was abandoned some of her hatches were off, and that she only carried a fortnight's provisions for her run from Oamaru to Newcastle. No doubt the captain should know the set of the currents and the average lay of the winds, but the knowledge would have been of little use in this case. On a Wednesday morning the shaft broke, and as, like most of her class, the steamer did not carry sail enough to work her with in heavy weather, she rolled about “broadside” on a rough sea, and it was Sunday before a sight of the broken shaft could be got. Repairing it was then found impossible, and the ship had been buffeted 229 miles into the bitter latitudes far south, when on the Monday a barque which had been blown out of her course was sighted and signalled. Having signalled the captain of this vessel, the master of the “*Port Stephens*” mustered all hands and gave them their choice between staying by the derelict and going aboard the barque. When they had been told the position of the ship and the shortness of her supply of provisions, all but the chief engineer and the carpenter elected for the barque, as might have been expected, and the captain had to go with them.

What else could have been done is easier to suggest than it would have been to do. The steamer was absolutely helpless, and although she might have floated up at the Auckland Islands (from which she was about 140 miles away when the crew left), or even, as one witness suggested, at the Chatham, on the other side of New Zealand, if she made that land in rough weather it was more than likely that she would have been smashed on to it, with fatal results to all on board. But even if the crew had been going enough to risk that and the other chance of being cast away on the southern islands, they had not sufficient provisions to last them through that voyage perilous. It is not altogether impossible to understand that in all the circumstances they were in such

haste to get to the rescue ship that some of the “*Port Stephens*” hatchways were left open, as they should not have been. Had she been well provisioned one ground for leaving her would not have been available, and this is a matter which might well form the subject of regulation. On many lines it is the custom to provide very substantially in this respect—the Union Company, for instance, provisions all its steamers without exception, for six months—and simple regard for life necessitates that that should be compulsory. Suppose the “*Port Stephens*” had been drifting about the Tasman Sea for weeks, as the “*Port Stephens*” was, what must have been the terrible fate of her crew, with only a fortnight's food? Another lesson the disaster hammers home is the old but live one that steamers should have twin screws. On our own coastal trade twin screws are coming increasingly into use, and it was only the other day that one of these vessels, having broken a shaft, finished her voyage on the other propeller. It is at least as necessary that ocean-going steamers should have this resource. If regard for life and security do not recommend it, commercial prudence ought to do so, for the risk of losing the single screw involves has materialized in a number of broken shaft experiences recently, and it is not once in a hundred such disasters that the steamer is so favored by weather as to be able to sail in front of the wind right back to port, as the “*Port Stephens*” most remarkably did into Fremantle the other day.

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